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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

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BETWEEN
THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND
THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

This Letter of Understanding between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is for the purpose of setting forth the understanding between the agencies involving the proposed Turquoise Trail highway, also known as BIA Route 4, extending northward from State Route 264 to U. S. 160. The signatories hereto understand, upon completion of this highway, that the BIA or the Hopi or Navajo Tribes, or both, intend to request the State Transportation Board to include it in the State Highway System. It is understood that the:

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL:

1. Furnish surveys, maps, plans, engineering information and materials information which have been prepared by ADOT.
2. Upon request, supply aerial photography.
3. Coordinate with the BIA on the design and construction of said highway by reviewing plans and specifications and from time to time conduct on-site project reviews.

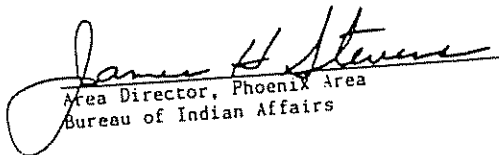
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WILL:

1. Design and construct said projects in accordance with the applicable provisions of 23 U.S.C. and the latest edition of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects and the applicable provisions of current State Standards.
2. Prepare all environmental documents for the highway including the archaeological process with necessary clearances.

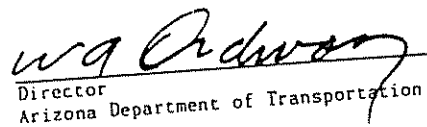
3. Request P. S. & E. approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
4. Maintain project records and cooperate with ADOT in conducting joint field reviews during the course of construction and allow inspection of project records by ADOT.
5. Upon completion and acceptance of each project, BIA shall furnish to ADOT a final construction report and as-built plans.
6. Secure defined permanent right-of-way for the highway from the Hopi and Navajo Tribes as applicable, as well as permanent, adequate, material sites and haul roads. These sites will be used for maintenance and periodic resurfacing of the Turquoise Trail, and preferably will be those used during construction. The right-of-way and pertinent material sites and haul roads will be secured prior to request for incorporation into the State Highway System and become a part of that action if so taken.

This Letter of Understanding shall remain in full force and effect until completion of said highway as aforesaid; provided, however, that this Letter may be cancelled by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice by one party to the other.

APPROVED:


Area Director, Phoenix Area
Bureau of Indian Affairs

March 26, 1985
Date


Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

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Date